

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1 1. A method, comprising:

2 receiving by a printer a document having document content; and

3 performing by the printer, in response to receipt of the document, an action in

4 accordance with the document content of the received document.

1 2. The method of claim 1, further comprising printing the received document.

1 3. The method of claim 1, further comprising printing a confirmation of

2 completion of the performed action.

1 4. The method of claim 1, further comprising sending a message confirming

2 completion of the performed action.

1 5. The method of claim 4, wherein the message is an email sent to a source of the

2 document.

1 6. The method of claim 1, further comprising printing the received document and

2 wherein the action comprises printing a certificate confirming that content of the printed

3 document is equal to data provided to the action taken.

1 7. The method of claim 1, wherein the document content of the received

2 document includes user-provided data.

1 8. The method of claim 1, wherein the document content of the received

2 document includes data that is the result of analysis by a document rendering application

3 on a computer that is a source of the document.

1 9. The method of claim 1, further comprising:

2 performing, by the printer, analysis of the content of the received document, and

3 wherein performing an action based on the document content of the received
4 document further comprises performing an action in accordance with a result of the
5 analysis by the printer.

- 1 10. The method of claim 1, wherein the printer is a local printer.
- 1 11. The method of claim 1, wherein the printer is a remote printer.
- 1 12. The method of claim 1, wherein the action comprises updating a database in
2 accordance with the content of the document.
- 1 13. The method of claim 1, wherein the action comprises sending an email
2 confirming printing of the document.
- 1 14. The method of claim 1, wherein the action comprises monitoring a use of
2 fonts in the document to assure compliance with a license for the fonts.
- 1 15. The method of claim 1, wherein the action comprises monitoring a use of
2 halftones in the document.
- 1 16. The method of claim 1, further comprising sending an interactive request to a
2 source of the document and waiting to receive a response before performing the action.
- 1 17. The method of claim 1, wherein the printer analyzes the content of the
2 document for pornography and wherein the action comprises sending a notice if
3 pornography is found.
- 1 18. The method of claim 1, wherein the printer analyzes the content of the
2 document for confidential terms and wherein the action comprises sending a notice if
3 confidential terms are found.

1 19. The method of claim 1, wherein the printer performs optical character
2 recognition of a received postscript document, and wherein the action comprises an
3 action in accordance with a result of the optical character recognition.

1 20. A printer comprising:
2 means for receiving by the printer a document having document content; and
3 means for performing by the printer, in response to receipt of the document, an
4 action in accordance with the document content of the received document.

1 21. A computer program product having a medium storing computer instructions
2 capable of performing a method, the method comprising:
3 receiving a document to be printed, the document having document content; and
4 creating a non-printing command to the document, the command instructing a
5 printer to perform an action besides printing relating to the document content.